

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
Hiroharu Kawahara : Confirmation No.: 1684
Serial No.: 10/591,521 : Group Art Unit: 1656
Filed: September 1, 2006 : Examiner: Kim, Alexander D.
TITLE: HUMAN CELL STRAINS FOR PROTEIN PRODUCTION, PROVIDED BY
SELECTING STRAINS WITH HIGH INTRACELLULAR PROTEIN AND
MUTATING WITH CARCINOGENS

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Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment, together with the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination and a two (2) month extension of time, constitutes a complete and timely reply to the Final Office Action dated October 3, 2008 and Advisory Action issued December 24, 2008 in the above-identified application. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

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Remarks begin on page 4.